Assistant Director/Personnel

4 December 1951

Legislative Counsel

Senate bill 1135 to provide a recruitment procedure for the competitive Civil Service.

- 1. There are attached herewith copies of S. 1135, a bill to provide a recruitment procedure for the competitive Civil Service which passed the Senate on 15 October 1951 and is pending in the House.
- 2. On 3 April 1951 former Personnel Director, informed me that it would not be necessary to seek exemption from this bill inasmuch as it applied only to the competitive service. It is not believed that the situation has changed in any respect, but you may wish to review the legislation and determine whether it raises any problems in connection with this Agency.
- 3. In view of the fact that Senate Report No. 956, which accompanies this legislation, and the hearings on the bill may contain general information of interest to your office, I am forwarding them for your retention, together with the debate in the Senate at the time the bill passed in October. In addition, I am forwarding copies of H.R. 3311 and H.R. 3687, which are House companion bills to S. 1135, and H.R. 2420, a similar piece of legislation which has also been introduced in the House.
- 4. If any legislation on this subject is passed by the House, it will be substantially in the form of S. 1135 as no one is particularly anxious to take credit for this bill. It has the whole-hearted opposition of the American Legion which is opposed to any legislation which in any way tampers with the veterans' preference in recruiting. Therefore, it will not be popular in an election year.

Walter L. Pforzheimer

Attachments

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